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Front Door, Back Door, Side Door

How do people choose a church, when do people stay, why do people leave?

GLAD Conference
Augusta, GA
November 19, 1999

Schedule

9:00 am to 10:00 am: **Excellence In Ministry** - Don Eastman

10:00 am to 10:15 am: *Break*

10:15 am to 11:15 am: **Attraction of Seekers To Your Church** - James Birkitt

11:15 am to 11:30 am: *Break*

11:30 am to 12:30 am: **Inclusion of Newcomers Into Membership** - Don Eastman

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm: *Lunch (on your own)*

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm: **Building Successful Cell Groups** - Elaine German

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm: *Break*

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm: **Mobilizing Members Into Ministry** - Don Eastman

3:45 pm to 4:00 pm: *Break*

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm: **Questions & Answers: making it work for you**

Biographies of Conference Facilitators

The Rev. Elder Don Eastman

The Rev. Elder Don Eastman, formerly an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God, now serves as Second Vice Moderator and Treasurer of UFMCC. Don received his theological training at Central Bible College in Springfield, MO. Following graduation in 1966, he served an Assemblies of God congregation in Wisconsin as Pastor for six years. In 1972, he resigned the pastoral ministry to assume full-time secular duties as an official of the American Lung Association in Iowa. Since 1975, he has pastored MCC congregations in Des Moines, IA and Dallas, TX. Under Don's leadership from 1978 to 1986, MCC of Dallas grew to become the largest MCC in the world-wide Fellowship. With a passion for outreach and a vision for growth, Don now directs the UFMCC's Strategic Growth Initiative. This new role, adopted by the Board of Elders, allows him to share the expertise and experience for which he has been most recognized within the Fellowship. He may be reached by e-mail at RevDEastman@ufmcchq.com.

James N. Birkitt, Jr.

James N. Birkitt, Jr. serves as Director of Communications for the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Jim received his theological training at Washington Bible College and Capitol Bible Seminary, both in the Washington, DC area. He serves as editor of "Keeping In Touch," manages the UFMCC E-Mail News Service, is co-editor of LeaderLink, develops public relations resources for local churches, and serves as press spokesperson for both the UFMCC and for the Rev. Elder Troy Perry. He brings a wide variety of experience to UFMCC, having variously served as a public relations professional with Opus Event Marketing in central Virginia, an organization which provides marketing and public relations services to Fortune 500 corporations and universities; vice-president of a network of Christian radio stations; and 12 years as senior pastor of a growing congregation in the Southern Baptist Convention. He may be reached by e-mail at communications@ufmcchq.com.

Elaine German

Elaine German is the Director of Small Groups at MCC Richmond in Richmond, Virginia. She travels throughout the Fellowship facilitating workshops and consulting with local churches about the use of small groups. She is also on the Mid-Atlantic District's Education Team, and is particularly responsible for Leadership Training. She has her master's degree in Human Resource Development from George Washington University and is in the process of publishing a small group leader training manual and leadership meeting resources.

EVALUATION FORM

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Circle one number from 1 to 10 (10 being *best* or *highest* rating) on each question. Add any written comments after each question.

1. Overall Mini-conference

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

2. Overall content

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

3. Presentation and Preparedness of Facilitators

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

4. Location

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

5. Registration Costs

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

6. Schedule

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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7. Printed materials

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

Specific sessions:

8. Trends Impacting Your Ministry Today & Tomorrow

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

9. Attraction of Seekers to Your Church

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

10. Assimilation of Newcomers - part 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

11. Assimilation of Newcomers - part 2

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

12. Actualization of Members Into Ministry

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COMMENTS: _____

13. Closing the Back Door

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COMMENTS: _____

14. What new information did you receive at this mini-conference?

15. Are there any ways in which this mini-conference could be improved?

16. Other comments: